

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composite fabric article comprising multi-filament, interlaced yarns forming a fabric body of knit construction, the fabric body having an inner surface and an exposed outer surface, the inner surface having at least one region of raised fibers or fleece formed thereupon, and the exposed outer surface having ~~an area bearing~~ a non-continuous coating comprising discrete coating segments of coating material disposed in one or more discrete areas on the exposed outer surface in a pattern corresponding to predetermined regions of the fabric body prone to abrasion and pilling during use, said coating serving to bind that binds individual yarn fibers together in bound groupings and to enhance abrasion resistance of the outer surface.

2. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the non-continuous coating is without substantial effect on insulation performance provided by the knit construction of the fabric body.

3. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the non-continuous coating is without substantial effect on moisture transmission rate provided by the knit construction of the fabric body.

4. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein portions of the outer surface adjacent coating segments within said area of the outer surface are substantially free of coating material.

5. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein ~~the non-continuous coating is disposed in one or more discrete areas of the outer surface and one or more other areas of the outer surface adjacent said discrete areas are substantially free of coating material.~~

6. (Withdrawn) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the non-continuous coating is disposed in one or more discrete areas of the outer surface and a continuous coating is applied in one or more other areas of the outer surface.

7. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 5 ~~or claim 6~~, wherein said discrete and other areas have contrasting performance characteristics of resistance to abrasion.

8. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 5 ~~or claim 6~~, wherein said discrete and other areas have contrasting performance characteristics of resistance to pilling.

9. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 5 ~~or claim 6~~, wherein said discrete and other areas have contrasting performance characteristics of air permeability.

10. (Withdrawn) The composite fabric article of claim 6, wherein said one or more other areas of continuous coating are adjacent said discrete area of non-continuous coating.

11. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the coating material binds yarn fibers to protect the yarn from fraying to enhance the pilling resistance within said portion of the fabric body.

12. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the bound groupings of yarn fibers have relatively higher tenacity than individual yarn fibers.

13. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 12, wherein the bound groupings of yarn fibers have a tenacity greater than about 5 grams per denier.

14. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein said yarn fibers comprise polyester.

15. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the coating segments are in the form of discrete dots.

16. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the coating material is selected from a group consisting of acrylic latex, polyurethane and silicone.

17. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the knit construction is reverse plaited circular knit.

18. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 17, wherein stitch yarn is finer than loop yarn.

19. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 17, wherein loop yarn is at most about 1.5 dpf.

20. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 17, wherein stitch yarn is at least about 1.5 dpf.

21. (Withdrawn) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the knit construction is double needle bar warp knit.

22. (Withdrawn) The composite fabric article of claim 21, wherein pile yarn is at most about 5 dpf.

23. (Withdrawn) The double face fabric article of claim 1, wherein the knit construction is non-reverse plaiting circular knit.

24. (Withdrawn) The composite fabric article of claim 23, wherein stitch yarn is coarser than loop yarn.

25. (Withdrawn) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the knit construction is Raschel warp knit.

26. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein yarn at the outer surface further includes an elastomeric material.

27. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 26, wherein the elastomeric material is in the form of spandex added to the yarn at the outer surface in plaited form.

28. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 26, wherein the elastomeric material is in the form of spandex wound about the yarn at the outer surface.

29. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 27, wherein the spandex is added to the yarn at the outer surface in air jet cover.

30. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein yarns at the outer surface include cored yarns comprising a core and a sheath.

31. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 30, wherein the core comprises an elastomeric material.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1 in the form of an article of wearing apparel.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 33, wherein the article of wearing apparel is a jacket or shirt and said one or more discrete areas correspond area corresponds to an elbow regions.

36. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 33, wherein the article of wearing apparel is a jacket or shirt and said one or more discrete areas correspond area corresponds to a shoulder region.

37. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein between about 0.5 ounces per square yard to about 6.0 ounces per square yard of coating material is applied to form the non-continuous coating.

38. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 37, wherein about 1.7 ounces per square yard of coating material is applied to form the non-continuous coating.

39. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the non-continuous coating is applied by a single head rotary screen.

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40. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 39, wherein the single head rotary screen has from about 30 to about 195 holes per lineal inch.

41-61 (Cancelled).